

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian Pacific Problem Gambling and Addictions Conference 2011**  
**“Problem Gambling and Addictions -**  
**International Collaboration and Multi-Disciplinary Approach”**

**2 – 3 June 2011**  
**Hong Kong, SAR, China**

**Call for papers**

**Background**

Problem gambling is complex and often comorbid with other mental health and addiction problems. Studies and clinical experiences reflected that pathological gamblers with comorbid psychiatric disorders have shown more impair than those without comorbid psychiatric disorders such as poorer long-term course of illness, less responsive to treatment, and may experience greater deficits in psychosocial functioning.

In order to facilitate a comprehensive assessment and holistic treatment design, a multidisciplinary team approach is recommended. The aims of this conference include bringing advancement to professional knowledge in the Chinese and international contexts and to encourage interdisciplinary collaborations in the field of addiction.

This conference will include presentations and workshops on treatment approaches for pathological gambling and addictions, cultural specificity in problem gambling and addictions, financial and debt counseling, community and public education, responsible gaming policy, treatment on co-morbidity and addictions such as mental illness, suicide, alcohol and substance abuse.

**Themes of presentations:**

- Treatment approaches for problem gambling and addictions
- Multidisciplinary team approach
- Reviews and discourse on theories related to problem gambling and addictions
- Financial and debt counseling
- Cultural specificity in problem gambling
- Working with families of problem gambling and addictions
- Prevention and community education
- Responsible gaming policy

- Treatment on co-morbidity and addictions including mental illness, suicide, alcohol and substance abuse, etc.

## **Paper presentations – Format and Guidelines**

### Presentation

1. Presentation should present new and original work that relate to the conference theme.
2. Each paper presentation has 25 minutes that includes 20 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for questions.

### Guidelines

1. Abstract should be written in English in a maximum of 300 words that highlight the objectives, significant findings, implications and impacts.
2. If there are more than one author, please underline the presenting author's name and include both the email address and other contact details of the institute/organization of the author.
3. Abstracts of accepted paper presentation will be compiled in the conference program booklet.

### Deadline

1. Abstract should be submitted together with the Submission Form and email to the following email address: [info@appgac.org](mailto:info@appgac.org).
2. Closing date for submission of abstract is on **15 January 2011**.
3. Please submit your powerpoint presentation to be included in the conference booklet by **30 April 2011**.
4. A conference proceedings will be published containing peer-reviewed academic papers from the conference. Manuscripts should be submitted by 31 July 2011 to be included in the proceedings.

## **Poster Presentations – Format and Guidelines**

### Guidelines

1. Abstract should be written in English or Chinese in a maximum of 300 words

that highlight the objectives, significant findings, implications and impacts.

2. If there are more than one author, please underline the presenting author's name and include both the email address and other contact details of the institute/organization of the author.
3. Abstracts of accepted poster presentation will be compiled in the conference program booklet.

#### Display and Presentation

1. All posters will be on display during the conference between 2–3 June 2011 at 18/F, Grand Ball Room, Mira Hotel.
2. There are 4 poster presentation sessions during coffee breaks. Authors may wish to stand next to the poster for questions and hand out materials.
3. All posters will be removed on 3 June 2011. If you want to keep the posters, you are advised to remove them personally at 5:00pm on 3 June 2011.
4. The Organizer bears no responsibility for any damage or loss of the poster on display at the Conference.

#### Deadline

1. Closing date for submission of abstract is on **15 January 2011**.
2. The softcopy of your poster must be submitted and email to [info@appgac.org](mailto:info@appgac.org) by **30 April 2011** to be included for production.
3. Further enquires regarding to poster presentation can be made by emailing to [info@appgac.org](mailto:info@appgac.org).

#### Poster Panel – Pull-up Banner

One Pull-up Banner display panel will be allocated for each poster presentation. The size of the Pull-up Banner will be 120 cm (W) x 200 cm (H). It is suggested that your poster should not exceed 110 cm (W) x 100 cm (H). *The Organizer will help you produce the Pull-up Banner in the cost of HKD 300 that should be sent with your registration fee.* The softcopy of your poster must be sent to us by **30 April 2011**.

#### Format

1. The title of your poster should appear on the top of your poster followed by the

author(s)' name(s) and affiliation(s) below. Your poster should include your abstract and other prominent sub-headings such as Objectives, Methods, Results, Discussion and Conclusions, etc.

2. Photographs, graphs, diagrams, equations or short text bullets may be used to increase the attraction of your poster.
3. Please use English filename and in ***image file (1:1) in CMYK color resolution ranges from 100~150dpi in PDF, TIF or JPG format.***

### **Registration for Presenters**

All paper and poster presenters are required to register for the conference and are also responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses.

All submitted abstracts paper and poster will be reviewed by our selection panel. A letter of acceptance of papers will be sent to all presenters in due course.